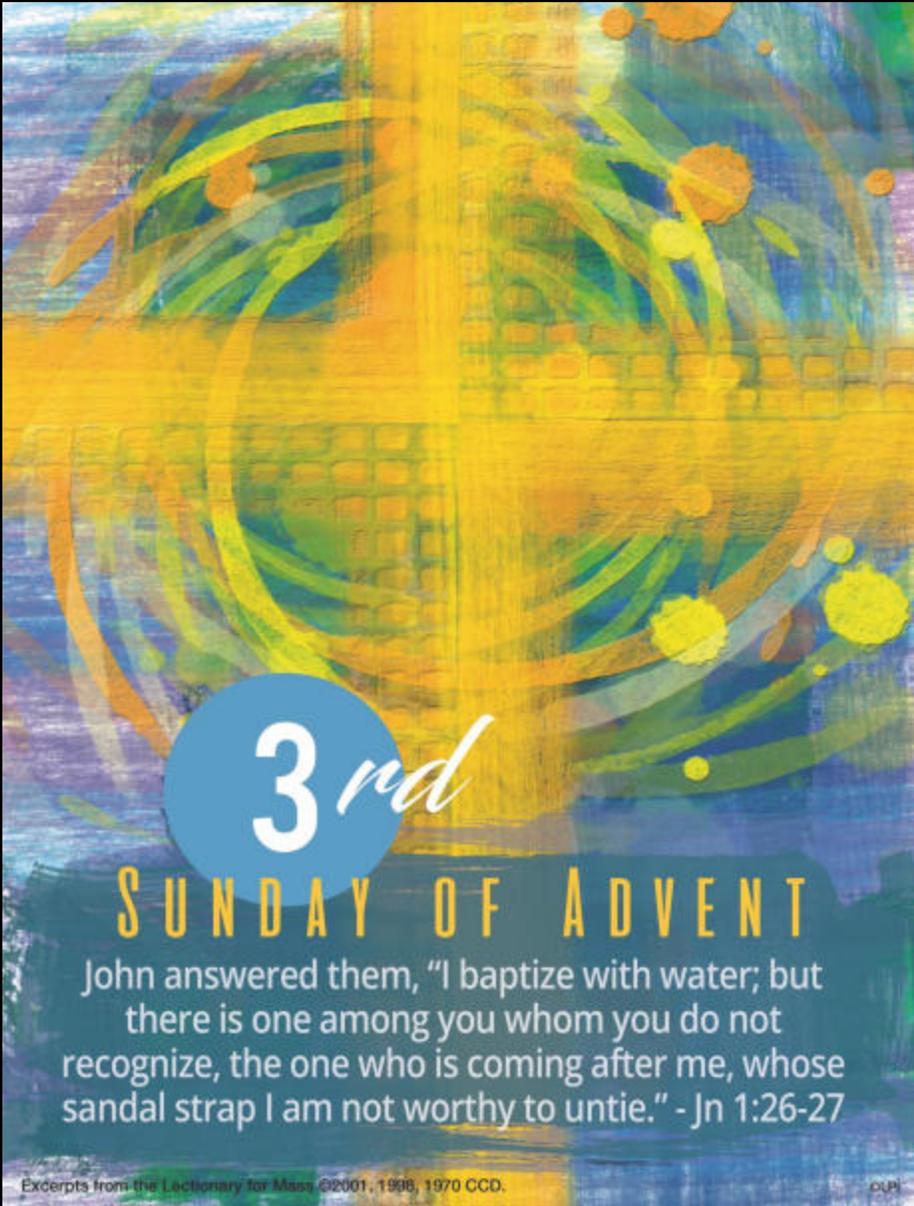




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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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December 13, 2020

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**CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday 10:00 am—11:00 am  
Thursday 7:00 am—7:45 am  
Saturday 3:00 pm— 4:00 pm

**MASS TIMES**

<b>WEEKDAY</b>	<b>WEEKEND</b>
Tuesday 6:00 pm	Saturday 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am	Sunday 6:30 am
Thursday 8:00 am	8:00 am
Friday 8:00 am	10:30 am

**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ADAM:**

We are well on our way into the Advent journey. Hopefully everyone is taking some time to sit back and reflect on our preparations for the Second Coming of Christ. One of my personal traditions each year is to listen to *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis on Thanksgiving as I drive to and from my family dinner. Each year it gives new insights into my own journey.

The book is a wonderful piece of fiction that wrestles with the question of our choosing or rejecting God, and ending up in Heaven or Hell. I would recommend that all of our parishioners either read or listen to the book. It is pretty short and can be covered in a few hours. Since I don't have kids, I sometimes miss something that should not be heard or read by youngsters, so I would encourage all parents to screen it first, but I think it is fairly safe for all ages.

Often times we settle for just going through the motions and doing what we need to do, or even doing some good acts here and there. This book helps shake me out of routine and examine my life and my intentions, something we all need to do. This is a perfect season for such examinations.

*Father Adam*



**SAT DECEMBER 12**

4:30pm † Dorothy Jesberg

**SUN DECEMBER 13**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Mary Guenther

10:30am Steve Moritz

**TUES DECEMBER 15**

6:00pm † Sandra Wichman

**WED DECEMBER 16**

8:00am † Debbie Elkinton

**THURS DECEMBER 17**

8:00am Riley Reese

**FRI DECEMBER 18**

8:00am † Msgr. Robert Bergman

**SAT DECEMBER 19**

4:30pm † Carol J. Moritz

**SUN DECEMBER 20**

6:30am People of the Parish

8:00am † Mary Guenther

10:30am † Sandra Wichman

Please contact the parish office for Mass intentions. The suggested offering is \$10 per Mass.

**Parish Support**

**Collections for November 29, 2020**

**Budget Year to Date**

**Regular Offertory**

Budgeted	\$16,592
Collection	\$9,052
Difference	-\$7,540

**Income**

Budget July 1 - Nov 29	\$396,373
Actual July 1 - Nov 29	\$366,470
Difference	-\$29,903

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**Towards Christ**

Budgeted	\$2,633
Collection	\$1,335
Difference	-\$1,298

**Expenses**

Budget July 1 - Nov 29	\$425,267
Actual July 1 - Nov 29	\$392,194
Difference	\$33,073

There was NOT a winner for the week of November 29, 2020. # 608 was drawn. The balance was \$1,572.05.

# PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR HOLY MASS

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### PENITENTIAL ACT

#### Confiteor (Optional)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### KYRIE

Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
R: Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
Christe, eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
R: Christe, eleison.	Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.
R: Kyrie, eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

### COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R: Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54*

#### LUKE 1: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B



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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**R.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Isaiah 61:1*

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

*R: Alleluia, alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

The Lord be with you

**R: And with your Spirit**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R: Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were

also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*All bow through "became man"*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION & PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**R: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**R: Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

STAND

**R: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**R: And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**R: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R: It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

HOLY

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**R: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

AGNUS DEI

LAMB OF GOD

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Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Isaiah 35:4*

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Be-  
hold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord.

**R: Amen**

**CONCLUDING RITES**

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

Saint Joseph Terror of Demons

**R: Pray for us**

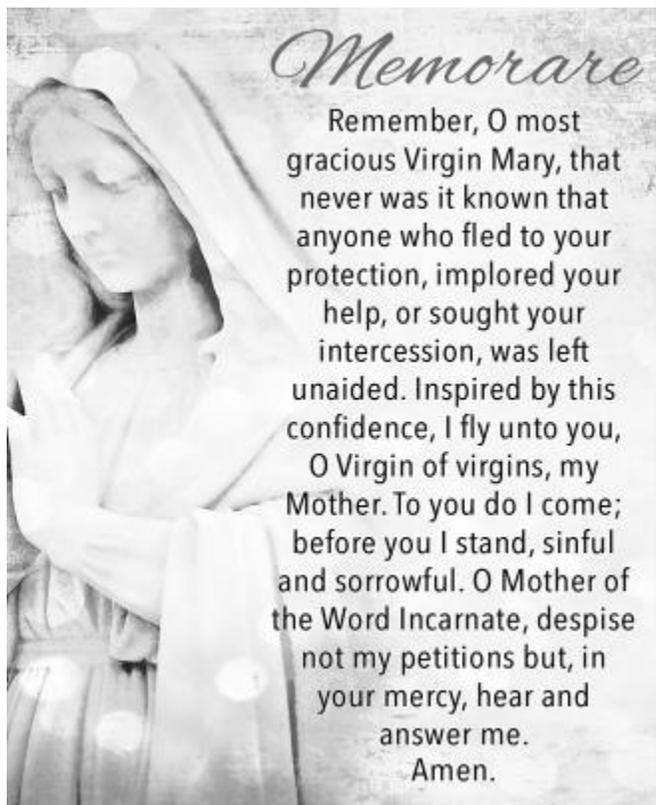
Mary Refuge of Sinners

**R: Pray for us**

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**PARISH EVENTS**

- 15 Tues- 5-5:45pm Confession
- 15 Tues- 6:00pm Mass and Evening prayer
- 15 Wed- 8:00 am Mass
- 16 Wed- 10:00 am - 11:00 am Confession
- 16 Wed- 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration
- 16 Wed- 6:30 pm- Bible Study
- 17 Thurs- 6:15 am That Man Is You!
- 17 Thurs- 7:00 am-7:45 am Confession
- 17 Thurs- 8:00am Mass
- 18 Fri- 8:00am Mass
- 18 Fri- 9-10:00am Confession
- 19 Sat- 3:00pm-4:00 pm Confession
- 19 Sat- 4:30pm Mass
- 20 Sun-6:30am Mass
- 20 Sun- 8am Mass (Live Stream) Must sign up
- 20 Sun-10:30am-Mass
- 20 Sun- 9:15am Formation classes Gr. 5-8
- 20 Sun- 11:30 Youth Group



# Advent CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 pm  
Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am  
Thursday 7:00 - 7:45 am  
Friday 9:00 - 10:00 am  
Saturday 3:00 -4:00 pm  
December 13, 2020 2:00 - 3:00 pm

### ANNUAL DONATION STATEMENT

This year we will be sending all year-end giving donation statements electronically. Please make sure that the parish office has an updated email address on file. The best way to ensure we have up to date contact information is to fill out our 2021 stewardship form.



Catholic Charities of continues to develop programming that removes barriers, and supports people on the road to self-sufficiency. This past fiscal year we provided skills training, employment and financial education to 8914 people. Your donation to the **Christmas** Collection will help Catholic Charities provide programs and services to people in need throughout all 21 Counties of our Archdiocese. Use the extra envelope provided for December.



Mobile Food Pantry  
Wednesday  
December 16th

We need volunteers for the next distribution on **Dec. 16th, from 12- 2 pm**. Please prayerfully consider signing up and pass the word on to others who might be willing to serve our local community. To sign up please call 913-856-7781 or look for the sign up in the email Newsletter.

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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